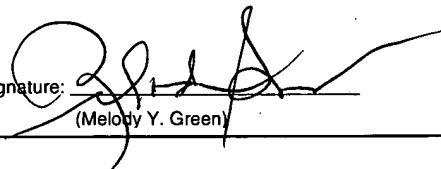
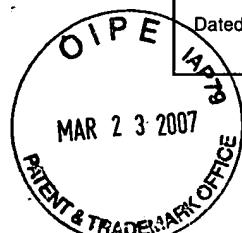


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**AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated March 27, 2006, to which a response was due on September 27, 2006.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows: